

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 26-34 have been examined. Claim 14 is canceled. Claims 18-25 and 35-40 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 29-34 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5, 7, 10, and 14-17.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, and 26-28 remain rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleeson (U.S. Patent No. 6,353,846) in view of Rawson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,692,204; hereinafter "Rawson"). Claim 2 remains rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleeson in view of Rawson and Pelham et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,967,375; hereinafter "Pelham"). Claim 11 remains rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleeson in view of Rawson and Quick, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 5,673,259). Claim 13 remains rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleeson in view of Rawson and Arazi et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0041594; hereinafter "Arazi").

While not conceding the validity of the rejections, but merely to advance prosecution, Applicant has placed the application in condition for allowance by amending each of independent claims 1 and 26-28 to include the features of allowable claim 14, amending dependent claim 15 to depend on independent claim 1, and canceling claim 14.

With no issues remaining, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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